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SUBJ: SBT: SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY REVIEW CONFERENCE:
CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENCY

REF: A. GENEVA 1021, B. GENEVA 1122

1. SUMMARY: AS INDICATED REFTEL B, DURING CCD WESTERN
DEL'S MEETING FEB 15, CANADIAN REP RAISED SUBJECT OF
CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENCY OF SEABED REVCON, INDICATING
PERSONAL BELIEF THERE WERE BENEFITS IN HAVING PROFESSIONAL,
OBJECTIVE AND SKILLFUL PRESIDENT SUCH AS POLISH REP WYZNER,
AND ASKED FOR OTHER VIEWS. UK REITERATED SUPPORT FOR
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FINNISH UN AMBASSADOR PASTINEN; ALTERNATE US REP REFERRED
TO REACTIONS OF PARTICIPANTS OF MEETING DESCRIBED REFTEL A,
AND SAID US HOPED THERE COULD BE CLEARER INDICATION OF
STRENGTH OF CANDIDACIES THAN PRESENTLY EXISTED.
SUBSEQUENTLY, PRIOR TO OPENING OF CCD SESSION FEB 15,
UK DEL ADVISED USDEL IT HAD TAKEN FURTHER SOUNDINGS AND
ASCERTAINED CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION TO PASTINEN AMONG

NON-ALIGNED, AND SOME POSSIBILITY OF CANDIDACY FROM
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

2. PARA 11, REFTEL B, INDICATES CCD WESTERN GROUP REPS,
ALL OF WHOM ATTENDED PREPCOM FOR SEABED ARMS CONTROL TREATY
REVCON, DISCUSSED QUESTION OF PRESIDING OFFICER FOR REVCON
COMMENCING JUNE 20, 1977. WHAT OCCURRED WAS THAT CANADIAN
REP RAISED THE SUBJECT; ASKED FOR REACTIONS OF OTHER REPS;
AND NOTED THAT PERSONALLY HE SAW ADVANTAGES IN HAVING AS
PRESIDENT POLISH REP WYZNER, WHO HAD DEMONSTRATED IN PREPCON
MEETINGS HIS SKILL, OBJECTIVITY AND ABILITY TO CONTAIN
SOME OF THE MORE MISCHIEVOUS EFFORTS OF SUCH REPS AS
ROMANIAN REP. HE THOUGHT HAVING AN EASTERN EUROPEAN IN THE
CHAIR WOULD PROVIDE SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT FOR A WESTERN
CANDIDATE IN NEXT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN COMPLETION. UK REP
REITERATED SUPPORT FOR FINNISH UN REP PASTINEN. ASKED BY
CANADIAN, US ALTERNATE REP SUMMARIZED COMMENTS OF REPS FROM
BELGIUM, SWEDEN, USSR, US, YUGOSLAVIA AND FINLAND, WHO HAD
PARTICIPATED IN MEETING DESCRIBED REFTEL A, AND OBSERVED US
VIEWS WERE BASED PRIMARILY ON CONSIDERATIONS OF COMPETENCE,
AND EVEN-HANDEDNESS; THAT WE WOULD BE INFLUENCED BY VIEWS
OF OTHER DELS; THAT US DEL HAD BEEN IMPRESSED BY POLISH
REP'S SKILLS, OBJECTIVITY AND RELATIVE INDEPENDENCE BUT
REALIZED THAT OTHER CONSIDERATIONS ENTERED INTO CANDIDACY
ISSUE THAN JUST THESE QUALITIES, AND THAT A GOOD ARGUMENT
COULD BE MADE FOR HAVING PRESIDENT COME FROM NEUTRAL
COUNTRY.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY, PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSIONS
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OF CCD AFTERNOON OF FEB 15, UK DEL TOLD US DEL THEY HAD MADE
FURTHER SOUNDINGS AMONG DELS PRESENT AT PREPCON, AND HAD
ASCERTAINED SOMEWHAT TO THEIR SURPRISE THERE APPEARED TO BE
CONSIDERABLE OPPOSITION TO PASTINEN CANDIDACY, ON PART OF
NON-ALIGNED DELS. UK DEL THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE SOME
POSSIBILITY OF A LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRY CANDIDACY, PARTICULARLY
IF THERE APPEARED TO BE A STRONG CONTEST BETWEEN SYZNER AND
PASTINEN.CATTO

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